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## Abstract of DE3105266

For a coin-operated gaming machine (1) with rows of win symbols which rotate cyclically behind windows (8-14) and which, after stopping, indicate a symbol combination deciding a win or a loss, a plurality of symbols for determining the win being indicated in at least one multiple window (8-10; 11-13), and with play devices which increase the chance of a win and which also include a restart button (24) for a stopped symbol row, as well as win possibilities of special games, in which both the symbol combination and individual symbols decide a win, there is proposed for the multiple window (8-10, 11-13) a covering means (26; 27, 27') which, when a play device increasing the chance of a win is activated, can be moved into a covering position restricting the number of symbols to be indicated. A reduction in the number of win lines in games increasing the chance of a win achieves a linearisation of the win pay-out which counteracts a blank play. In one embodiment, the covering means (26; 27, 27') can be returned to its symbol-exposing position when predetermined symbol hits are achieved, so that a game strategy aimed at the exposure of covered symbols is possible.

